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### **OHIO MEN GIVEN FEDERAL SENTENCES FOR ILLEGALLY DRIVING WILD DUCKS**

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Declaring that Federal laws must be respected if wild ducks are to be saved from extinction, Judge Frank L. Kloeb, of the U. S. District Court in Toledo, Ohio, recently sentenced Julian Schade of Sandusky to three months in a Federal detention farm.

Schade was apprehended last November for using a power boat on Lake Erie marshes in Sandusky Bay to frighten ducks from their feeding places and herd them past blinds where hunters were waiting. He pleaded guilty to violating the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

George Atwood, also of Sandusky, who was apprehended with Schade, was found guilty at a later trial in Federal Court at Toledo and was fined \$300 and costs of \$29.50 by Judge Kloeb. A 3-months detention-farm sentence was suspended.

Game management agents of the U. S. Biological Survey, assisted by an Ohio State deputy game warden, made the arrests.

"A sentence to confinement has never before been given for this offense", says W. E. Crouch, chief of the Survey's Division of Game Management. "This is an example of the cooperation being given by Federal judges in enforcing laws that protect wildlife."

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